

Community Cameras

The Fremont Police
Department continues
to make progress on

its project to keep the community safe through the use of video surveillance of public roadways in key areas. To date, several City departments have reviewed a variety of systems and have met with prospective vendors.

Over the last several years, video surveillance cameras have been a hot topic during Police Department-sponsored community meetings and events. Many residents have purchased home and neighborhood surveillance systems and registered them with the Police Department. Video surveillance in public areas has been a growing trend in the United States. In fact, many local jurisdictions in the Bay Area already have systems in place which have proven to be an effective tool in promoting safety in these communities.

Once a vendor is selected, the Fremont Police Department will hold meetings to get feedback from community members. Look for future announcements in the months ahead. Prior to implementation, this project will need final approval by the Fremont City Council.

Fremont Fourth of July Parade

et ready for the 2015 Fremont 4th of July Parade on **Saturday**, **July 4 at 10 a.m.!** The parade promises to be a spectacular event, featuring creative floats, marching musical units, large helium balloons, antique vehicles, drill teams, and other specialty units. The one-mile



Photo by Bruce Davis

parade route starts on Paseo Padre Parkway at Stevenson Boulevard. The parade will proceed down Paseo Padre and end at Capitol Avenue. It's expected to take just under two hours. When Downtown, please avoid parking in the private lots surrounding the parade route. The parade is organized and funded by the Fremont 4th of July Parade, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization. The committee wishes to thank parade sponsors and the local community for all their support. Please visit Fremont4th.org for more details.

Partnering with Community Organizations

Fremont has many treasured community events woven into the fabric of our great city. Over the years, many of the larger events have grown in popularity and attendance. For us, public safety remains our number one concern for all who attend events in Fremont. With additional police services required to ensure everyone's safety, City staff continues to look at ways for the City to minimize these costs for event organizers. As such, we are very optimistic that the City will enhance our meaningful partnerships with various community organizations throughout Fremont.

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Letter from Your City Manager



'm pleased to announce that the City of Fremont's outlook continues to improve. The moderate growth in the national and local economies has been sufficient to place the City on sound financial footing, and we are able to address the list of unmet needs within the community and invest strategically in the future. Economic development has always

been the cornerstone of running the City. The Fremont City Council understands and supports this, and we approach policy-making with our community's best interests in mind.

Over the next year, General Fund revenues will be adequate to support estimated expenditures of \$174.3 million, which will result in a balanced budget. Our Fiscal Year 2015/16 General Fund budget, which runs July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, is 7.4 percent greater than the FY 2014/15 estimated actual expenditures, and will help the City to maintain its streets and facilities infrastructure, increase police staffing, and begin funding its retiree healthcare liability.

We've worked hard to get to where we are today and are excited to move forward with important initiatives that are already underway, such as Warm Springs/South Fremont Area (update on page 4); Downtown/Capitol Avenue (update on page 3); Retail Centers; Technology and Business Investment, and Capital Projects. These initiatives serve as important investments in our community's future and position the City of Fremont for long-term growth, stability, and success.

The City of Fremont has a strong track record of being a resourceful organization. We will continue to maintain this momentum and face any challenge that comes our way head-on. We've never been content with simply maintaining the status quo, and we intend to keep it that way with our future endeavors.



Fred Diaz, City Manager

Art in Public Places

box*ART!*

olorful murals are popping up around town on our Traffic Signal Control Boxes, commonly referred to as utility boxes. Learn more, including sponsorship opportunities,



Frost Newton, Artist

at Fremont.gov/boxart or call 494-4555.

New Sculpture and Memorial

he corner of Stevenson Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway has a brand new look! Be sure to check out the Gladys Williamson Memorial and "Unity", a sculpture by Bruce Beasley. "Unity" is composed of six intersecting stainless steel rings and measures 22' x 33' x 33' and weighs 3,700 pounds.



To learn more about Fremont's art in public places, visit Fremont.gov/ArtMap.

City of Fremont

The City Council meets the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave.

Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27 or webcast online at Fremont.gov/Webcasts.

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City Hall News

Downtown Fremont: The Place to be this Summer and Fall

Mark your calendars!

Returning for its third season in Downtown Fremont, Fremont Street Eats is open every Friday through October on Capitol Avenue between Liberty and State streets from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visit the food trucks and get ready to experience eclectic flavors from a variety of gourmet offerings outside City Hall's doorstep.

If you're craving fresh fruit and vegetables and other local treats, you can now get your fill on your way home from work every Wednesday! A new Downtown Farmers' Market is open every



Wednesday on Capitol Avenue between Liberty and State streets from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through July. Please note that Fremont Street Eats, which is produced by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, and the Farmers' Market will move to a temporary location on Liberty Street between Capitol and Beacon avenues in late summer due to scheduled street improvement work.

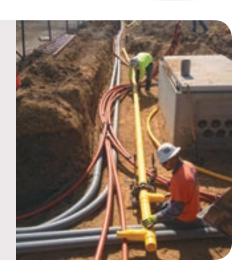
Summertime will also be filled with all your Fremont favorites such as the 4th of July Parade, Fremont Festival of the Arts on August 1 and 2, and the Festival of India on August 15 and 16. Heading into fall, be sure to catch our Downtown Date Night on Capitol Avenue and Liberty Street for an outdoor film event on September 18. And the fun doesn't stop there—get your kids decked out in costumes for a spirited Halloween event on October 23 to round out the season.

Downtown Fremont—it's the most happening place to be this summer and fall!

Phase I of Capitol Avenue, Nearing Completion in Fall 2015

hase I of the Capitol Avenue Extension Project will be nearing completion this fall. The project was kicked off last September with the Downtown on the Rise Demolition Celebration, where the community was able to witness the demolition of a three-story office building, allowing for the connection of Capitol Avenue to Fremont Boulevard. This fall, the community will see a transformed, multi-modal street that will include bike lanes, free public parking, a landscaped median, and 10–15 foot sidewalks with street trees and additional landscaping. A new multi-modal street to serve as

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Our Community



Making Strides in Warm Springs/South Fremont Innovation District

ajor progress has been made in accelerating the transformation of Fremont's jobs-focused, transitoriented Innovation District - Warm Springs/South Fremont, which is one of the largest and last contiguous underdeveloped 880 acres of land located along a major transit line (Bay Area Rapid Transit - BART) in Silicon Valley.

The vision for the Innovation District was set forth in the July 2014 Warm Springs/South Fremont Community Plan, which recently received the "On the Ground – Getting it Done: Project in a Priority Development Area" award from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the "2015 Urban Design Award of Excellence" from the Northern California Chapter of the American Planning Association. The Innovation District is to serve as a model for 21st century sustainable, vibrant mixed-use employment centers. Following the anticipated opening of the Warm Springs/ South Fremont BART Station this December, the City expects to see remarkable shifts occurring in the Innovation District with a convergence of diversified land uses resulting in more jobs and supporting work force components such as housing and commercial uses, that will aid in reaching a goal of 20,000 new jobs by 2035.

To lead the way, Lennar Homes of California received approval of its master plan in April 2015 and finalized its agreement with Union Pacific in May 2015 to develop a 111-acre parcel of land, centrally located within the heart of the Innovation District, just north of Tesla. The master plan

includes 1.4 million square feet of research and development and Class A office space along the district's signature street— Innovation Way. In addition, the plan highlights a five-acre urban elementary school adjacent to a joint use four-acre urban park, and provides a mix of 2,214 residential units, of which 286 are affordable rental units with the remaining comprised of apartments, condominiums, and urban villages. Lennar will make significant upfront public infrastructure investments of more than \$100 million and will break ground on its first phase of construction in early 2016.

Completion of this first phase of work by Lennar will enable BART patrons to easily connect to and from existing employment centers, such as Tesla, and the BART station, and plays a critical role in securing funds from the Alameda County voter-adopted Measure BB for completion of a public plaza and iconic West Access Bridge.

And that's not the only area where development would sprout. Toll Brothers is finalizing its master plan to develop 1,000 urban residential units and some retail space just east of the BART Station. Valley Oak Partners will soon submit its master plan to develop 800 urban residential units and 300,000 square feet of research and development and office space just north of Lennar's development.

The City is also making economic strides in the development of Fremont's Innovation District on other fronts. In December 2014, the City of Fremont hosted a one day Ecosystem Laboratory (EcoLab), which brought together forward thinking leaders from the community who have a common interest in designing Fremont's emerging Innovation District. The Ecolab proved to be an incubator of new ideas, opportunities, and partnerships that will help to significantly accelerate traction and pave the way for Fremont to become the next up-and-coming 21st century Silicon Valley city. In addition, the City is experiencing growth within our industry clusters due to significant business expansions that have totaled nearly \$500 million. Companies such as Delta, Seagate, Lam Research, Western Digital and ThermoFisher lead the way. The cleantech sector in Warm Springs also remains strong with Solar City leasing the former Solyndra facility to accommodate its Silevo panel division—a clear marker that Fremont is distinctively desirable for cleantech and advanced manufacturing companies.

The Warm Springs Innovation District vision is taking shape and we look forward to sharing more news of improvements within the Innovation District in the months to come. For more information, please visit Fremont.gov/WarmSprings.























Fremont Festival of the Arts

Did you know that the Fremont Festival of the Arts is the largest free street festival west of the Mississippi River? ome to Downtown
Fremont the weekend of
August 1-2 to join in on the
fun! Hosted by the Fremont
Chamber of Commerce, the
Festival of the Arts brings local
artists, musicians, businesses,
and families together for a day
filled with live music, gourmet

foods, and delicious drinks.

The festival draws over 400,000 people to Downtown Fremont and will include a new footprint this summer with booths along Paseo Padre Parkway and Walnut Avenue. Make sure to visit the City of Fremont and BART interactive booth, which will

provide helpful information on the Downtown Fremont and Warm Springs Innovation District projects, including the new Warm Springs/South Fremont BART station to open in late December. Stop by and meet staff from the City and BART to learn more about these exciting initiatives!

Capitol Avenue,

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Fremont's "Main Street" involves more than just grading and paving. The new extension includes unique screen walls that will enhance the pedestrian experience, utilities placed underground that will power electric vehicle charging stations, concrete poured to form wide sidewalks to create a pedestrian friendly vibe and allow for sidewalk cafes, and landscape that will provide shade and create an inviting environment for residents and visitors alike.

Phase II of Capitol Avenue improvements will commence after the completion of Phase I, focusing specifically on Capitol Avenue between State Street and Paseo Padre Parkway. Improvements will include installing street furniture such as benches, seat walls, recycling and trash receptacles, streetlights and signs, etc., and enhanced landscaping. This portion of the road will be open to traffic throughout the construction phase, and is estimated to be completed in early 2016.

The City is currently planning a grand opening event to occur in the fall to celebrate the work completed in Phase I. Stay tuned to the City of Fremont's social media websites at Fremont.gov/ SocialMedia for more details!



A Movie Under the Stars!

Join the Recreation Services Division for a Friday Night Movie this summer.

Movie in the Park | Friday, August 21

Have a fun night with your family at the Central Park Performance Pavilion on Friday, August 21. We will be showing the movie *Home* on our big screen. Grab a picnic dinner, blanket, and beach chairs. We will also have all your favorites for sale like pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, and much more!

The movie will start after the sun sets. This event is free. Featured movie may be subject to change. For information and updates, visit Fremont.gov/MovieNight.

Our Community

FEMA's Flood Map Service Center

he City of Fremont has been a member of the National Flood Insurance Program since 1983 and has adopted a floodplain management ordinance to reduce flood risks for properties within Special Flood Hazard Areas. To help communities, FEMA offers user-friendly tools that support the needs of the public in viewing, analyzing, and printing flood hazard maps

in an online website called FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at MSC.fema.gov. The Flood Map Service Center provides the ability to download maps and Letters of Map Change. It also provides a link to view flood hazard information as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data through a free interactive mapping application called the FEMA GeoPlatform.

As the official public source for flood hazard information, the Flood Map Service Center is a great resource for novice and advance



users alike. For those who cannot access the online system, the City of Fremont Development Services Center located at 39550 Liberty St., will continue to maintain copies of Letters of Map Change and Elevation Certificates. For more information visit Fremont.gov/FloodInfo.

Grant and Voter Approved Funds Helping City Streets

avement projects are shifting into high gear this summer. These projects are made possible through various funding sources including Measure B, Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF), and other grant funds.

Measure B and VRF are voter approved funds that are dedicated for transportation projects in Alameda County. Measure B is a half-cent sales tax approved in 1986, reauthorized in 2000, and again as Measure BB in November 2014. Measure BB included an increase to the renewed tax resulting in a one percent sales tax. The measure implements a 30-year plan starting this fall and is set to expire in 2045 unless renewed again by voters. The VRF is a \$10 fee that is included in the annual registration of vehicles, approved by voters in 2010.

In addition to voter approved funds, the City aggressively pursues grant funds for roadway projects. This year's projects are funded by the \$2.1 million One Bay

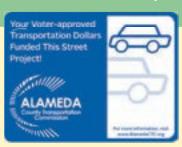
Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee funding continues to improve Fremont roadways



Area Grant and the \$250,000 CalRecycle grant. In addition to improving roadways, the CalRecycle grant also helps to divert discarded rubber tires from the landfill by using them in the asphalt blend that strengthens pavement sealants. The estimated number of tires diverted this year is 23,000.

Fiscal Year 2014/15 **Street Projects**

The Pavement Rehabilitation Project will complete new pavement work on segments of Alvarado Blvd., Durham Rd., Fremont Blvd., Irvington Ave., Mowry Ave., Osgood Rd., and Paseo Padre Pkwy. The Cape and Slurry Seal Project will apply pavement sealants to the surface of more than 300 different street segments located throughout the city.



Looking Ahead

There is broad acknowledgement that funding has been far below what is needed to prevent a decline to the overall pavement condition. Gas Tax has long been the workhorse in the funding of pavement projects. However, given that this revenue source has not experienced an increase in more than 20 years, its ability to keep up with the growing costs of construction continues to diminish. Measure B and VRF along with the City's pursuit of grant funds and the benefit of an improving economy have all helped to manage this problem in recent years. While these are positive steps toward improving our roadways, there is still plenty more that remains to be done.





























Get Set to Get Wet!

ave fun in the sun this summer at Aqua Adventure Waterpark! Plan your family fun activities with us. The waterpark is open daily through Labor Day and weekends through September. Aqua Adventure has something for everyone, from the Lil' Squirts Splash Pad, to Bucket Bay, Roundabout River and Oasis Pool, to our 40-foot waterslides—we've got it all! Don't worry about packing a lunch, as The Grill is cooking up pizza and hot dogs for the kids and whipping up salads and sandwiches for the parents. Aqua Adventure is the place to be with its aquatic camps, swim lessons, birthday packages, and group events.

So whether you're planning the entire summer, a birthday party, get-togethers, or a corporate event, remember to have fun in the sun and a splashing good time at Aqua Adventure! Visit GoAquaAdventure.com for park information, location, and details.

Spend your Summer with Us!



A re you looking for fun and exciting activities for your child during the 11 weeks of summer?

Don't let summer just slide by—camps run through August 25.

We've got everything your child needs to stay active, healthy, engaged, and having fun all day long! From science, nature, and academic enrichment, tot sports, drama, theater, dance, cooking, and everything in between —you name it, we've got it!

Locations include Central Park/ Lake Elizabeth, Aqua Adventure, Ardenwood Historical Farm, and several community centers throughout Fremont. Camps vary in length, including full day with extended care options available. Plan your child's summer with our Central Park Camp Grid. Don't miss out on all the fun! Pick up your free copy of our Summer Recreation Guide at City Hall, Community Centers, and at Central Park/Lake Elizabeth. For more information, visit Fremont.gov/Camps or register online at RegeRec.com.

We'll see you in camp!

Calling All Older Adults

re you 55 years or older? If so, we're looking for your input! Fremont residents can help inform the City and Alameda County about the needs of older adults and the best way to create an aging-friendly community. It just takes 15 minutes. Complete the online survey at Surveymonkey.com/s/ ACOlderAdultSurvey2015 or pick up a paper copy at the Fremont Senior Center, 40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy.



Attention Fremont Entrepreneurs!
Startup Grind comes to Fremont
this fall featuring monthly fireside
chats with VCs and CEOs designed
to educate and inspire.

For event updates, contact Shilpi@startupgrind.com.



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Kennedy Student Selected to Speak at AVID Summer Institute



FUSD is proud to announce that one of its students has been selected to speak at the Advancement Via Individual Determination

(AVID) 2015 Summer Institute from July 13-15 in Sacramento.

Kennedy High School senior Robyn Perry will address hundreds of educators about her experiences over the past four years in the AVID program. She was selected as a semi-finalist in February and after submitting a video of her speech to the AVID selection committee, was officially chosen as a speaker for the Summer Institute.

Irvington Instructor Named County's High **School Science** Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Irvington High School science teacher Wai-Pan Chan, who was named Alameda County's High School Science "Teacher of

the Year" at the 2015 Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair in March.



FUSD Science Olympiad Teams Win at Bay Area Competition

Science students throughout FUSD performed well, including a sweep of first-place positions in the 2015 Bay Area Science Olympiad on March 21 at CSU East Bay in Hayward. The Olympiad is a combination of exams, engineering projects and lab work to test students' knowledge and skills. In the High School Division, teams from Mission San Jose finished first and second in the competition while American High School placed fifth. Both American and Mission San Jose sent teams to the Northern California Finals in Turlock in April. In the Middle School Division, Horner Junior High School took first place overall, followed by Hopkins Junior High in third and Thornton Junior High in fourth. Congratulations to all of FUSD's budding scientists!

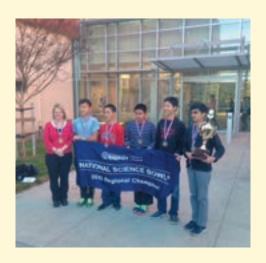


High Schoolers Get Hands-on Lesson in Dangers of Distracted **Driving**

Representatives from 'Arrive Alive' were on the Mission San Jose and Washington High School campuses March 26-27 with a driving simulator used to create virtual situations and conditions where driving abilities are impaired. Students operated the simulator while texting, or while 'under the influence,' and were issued 'citations' listing their violations and offenses while behind the

Hopkins' Science **Bowl Team—Regional Champions**

Big congrats to the Science Bowl team at Hopkins Junior High School who came from behind to take the 2015 Regional Championship at Las Positas Junior College in Livermore on February 21. Andrew Chen, Pranshu Chaturvedi, Patrick Liu, Jonathan Ko, Aadithya Pillai, and their coach, Dr. Anja Crickmore, headed to Washington, D.C., for the National Finals competition in April. Congratulations!































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Reducing Fremont's Greenhouse Gas 'Footprint' by More than 5%

Fremont's New Solar Projects

with of the electricity that is used to run City operations will now come from the sun, thanks to the new solar carport structures at Aqua Adventure Waterpark, the Robert Wasserman Fremont Police Center, Irvington Community Center and soon to be added, Maintenance Center.

The City contracted with SunEdison, a nationwide solar firm, to install the systems, which will reduce the City's entire



greenhouse gas "footprint" by more than 5 percent. The systems will also result in an estimated \$2.6 million in cost savings over 25 years, and as a bonus, will provide shade and rain protection for vehicles.

The carports are the result of the City's participation in the Regional Renewable Energy Project, a multi-agency effort spearheaded by Alameda County that represents the largest collaborative purchase of renewables in the nation.

By joining together with other agencies to procure solar, the City of Fremont benefited from reduced transaction costs, competitive contract terms, and standardized procurement documents, financing, and processing.

For more information, visit Acgov.org/ rrep. For questions regarding Fremont's solar projects, contact Deputy Community Development Director Dan Schoenholz at dschoenholz@fremont.gov or 494-4438.

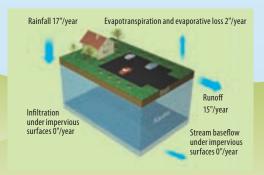
How Stormwater Treatment Measures Improve Water Quality

In developed areas like Fremont, stormwater races off hard surfaces carrying pollutants such as vehicle fluids, litter, and pet waste into our creeks and San Francisco Bay. Designing landscaped areas to soak up rainfall runoff from building roofs and paved areas helps protect water quality. As the rainfall runoff flows over vegetation and soil in the landscaped area, the water percolates into the ground and pollutants are filtered out or broken down by the soil and plants. Without this filtering process, rainfall runoff flows directly into local creeks without being cleaned. You have likely seen these special landscaped areas, which are called stormwater treatment measures, as you shop or dine in Fremont and other communities in the Bay Area. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board requires that development projects that meet certain size thresholds include these landscaped areas in their projects. The photo below depicts an example of stormwater treatment measures found in Fremont. For more information, please visit Fremont.gov/StormWaterDevelopment or call the Environmental Services Division at 494-4570.





Pre-development Stormwater Runoff Rainfall percolates into the ground in the pre-development scenario, and is absorbed by the trees and plants on the land, resulting in evaporation and transpiration. Only a small proportion of the rainfall ends up as runoff flowing to local creeks.



Post-development Stormwater Runoff When hard surfaces such as roads, parking lots, and rooftops are added to land, those surfaces prevent rainfall from percolating into the ground. In addition, the development commonly adds an increase of pollutants from the new activities associated with the development. Direction the

to rain, those surfaces prevent rainfail from percording into the ground. In addition, the development commonly adds an increase of pollutants from the new activities associated with the development. Directing the rainfall runoff to a stormwater treatment measure before it flows into our creeks helps to clean the rainfall runoff and protect water quality.



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Sign Up for a Free **Green House Call**

Take the Fremont Green Community Challenge

remont residents can sign up now to receive a no-cost home efficiency assessment and installation of energy- and water-saving appliances.

During a "Green House Call," youth energy specialists will:

- Walk through the house, looking for energy saving opportunities
- Replace all incandescent bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescents
- Install high-efficiency showerhead faucet aerators to help save water during the drought
- Install a retractable clothesline to reduce dryer use
- Install hot water pipe insulation

This year, Fremont residents are able to take advantage of some new energy saving offerings as part of Fremont's participation in the \$5 Million Georgetown University Energy Prize.



Additional measures include:

- Dimmable screw-in LED flood lights
- Door draft guards to help keep your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer
- Smart power-strips for your entertainment systems to control phantom loads, which are devices that consume electricity when turned off but still plugged into an outlet
- Solar PV analysis for qualifying homes (must be a homeowner and have a sunny roof)

Appointments are available for Fremont homeowners and summer renters. Sign up at Fremont.gov/GreenCall or call 665-1501 ext. 5.

Since 2009, the City of Fremont has worked with Rising Sun Energy Center's youth employment program—California Youth Energy Services (CYES)—to offer the "Green House Call" service. To date, CYES has employed 62 local youth, and

served 1,824 homes, saving 825,000 kWh of electricity, 14,000 therms of natural gas, and 2,000 gallons of water. This is the greenhouse gas equivalent of driving 1.5 million miles in a car.

CYES is supported by funding from Pacific Gas & Electric Company, East Bay Energy Watch Partnership, City of Fremont, and Alameda County Water District.

To learn more about Fremont's Green Community Challenge, visit Fremont.gov/EnergyPrize.



An Easy Way to Help Win the Prize—And to Help Fremont Community Programs

By reducing energy use in your home, you can help Fremont win the \$5 Million Georgetown University **Energy Prize.**

One easy way to do this—and to benefit community organizations at the same time—is through a service called OhmConnect.

Here's how it works: OhmConnect (www.ohmconnect.com/fremont) is a free online platform that alerts you via text message or email when there is a high amount of energy being drawn from the electric grid. If you lower your usage during an "OhmHour," you not only save money on your utility bill, but you

earn extra incentives that you can keep or choose to donate to a community organization such as the Fremont Family Resource Center or the Fremont Senior Center. By making smart energy choices, you can help our community, in more ways than one.





























Carsharing is Coming to Fremont

The City is collaborating with Zipcar, one of the largest carshare companies in the U.S., on a pilot program to bring five carshare vehicles to Fremont. Three of the vehicles will be parked on Civic Center Drive near the Fremont BART Station, with the other two located in the parking lot at the Centerville Amtrak/ACE Train Station.

Zipcar was selected through a competitive bidding process. In return for the parking spaces, Zipcar will provide the City with usage statistics over the next 18 months to help determine how viable vehicle-sharing is in our community. Carsharing is one of many strategies the City is pursuing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

People tend to drive less after joining a carshare program, and to walk, bicycle, and use transit more. As part of the pilot launch, Zipcar will offer Fremont residents and employees who work in Fremont access to these carshare vehicles at a discounted membership rate at Zipcar.com/CityofFremont.

Remember to Recycle

Reserve your free recycling and composting collection containers for your National Night Out party by visiting Fremont.gov/RecyclingContainers.

If you need help planning a more eco-friendly event, call Environmental Services staff 494-4570



Are you ready for National Night Out?

What are you doing on **Tuesday, August 4**? Many Fremont residents will be spending time with neighbors to celebrate National Night Out 2015. This event is an opportunity for Fremont residents to meet new neighbors and build friendships. You can participate by hosting a neighborhood block party or inviting your neighbors over to get to know each other a little better. These kinds of events can be large or small and help to build and establish close-knit communities—which is also important for neighborhood safety! It doesn't matter whether you're hosting a barbecue or an ice cream social, as long as you're sharing good food, laughter and each other's company.

Register your National Night Out 'party' to be considered for a visit by the Police or Fire Department. Registration is open through July 24 at FremontPolice.org/ NNORegistration. Once you register your party, you may request a visit from the Fire Department by contacting Pam Franklin at pfranklin@fremont.gov or 494-4299. If you have questions about National Night Out in Fremont, please call 790-6740.



Food-Soiled Paper Fruits, Vegetables Waxed Cardboard Fruits, Vegetables Waxed Cardboard Fruits, Vegetables Waxed Cardboard Fruits, Vegetables Plants, Green Waste NO Green, Gires, Plants or Mond. Liquids NO Green, Vision, Plants, Metabo, Liquids

Composting for Business Program Expanded

The City of Fremont offers a commercial recycling program for collecting food scraps and food-soiled paper called the Composting for Business program.

Alameda County's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance requires food service businesses to separate compostable materials from garbage. To comply with the new law, we are expanding the Composting for Business program and will now offer it to all food service facilities, regardless of size.

Adding composting collection for food scraps can save money and make a big environmental impact. Restaurants and food service facilities can benefit from

compost collection since food scraps make up about 60 percent of a sit-down restaurant's waste.

And in Fremont, composting services cost less than the same level of monthly garbage service. For example, if your business's garbage service is currently \$141.20 per month for a 2 cubic-yard garbage container, the same size composting container for food scraps would only cost \$113.80 per month, saving over \$320 per year.

The Environmental Services Division staff is available to visit your worksite, estimate potential savings and provide training to your staff, at no cost to your business. Please contact Environmental Specialist Lori Marra at lmarra@fremont.gov or 494-4581.

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